



CABINET



28TH SEPTEMBER 2022

NOTICE OF DECISIONS

Publication Date of this Notice: - Thursday, 29th September 2022.

Deadline Date for Call-in of any decision: - 8.45 a.m. Thursday, 6th October 2022 up to that deadline the Interim Chief Executive shall call-in a decision for scrutiny (except for matters of urgent business and decisions for Council) if so, requested by the Chairman or any three Members of the Scrutiny Committee. If there is no call-in the decision will come into force on that deadline.

PART I

(Business taken in public)

Agenda Item 2 (Minute No. 19) - Members' Interests:

Councillor Palmer declared an interest in Item 11 Minute 28 The Levelling Up Parks Fund in view of his involvement with the Big Local

Agenda Item 3 (Minute No. 20) - Minutes

The Minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 20.7.2022 were approved as a correct record.

Agenda Item 4 (Minute No. 21) - Forward Plan

To comply with regulations under the Localism Act 2011, the Deputy Leader presented a revised Forward Plan to the meeting which outlined key decisions likely to be taken within the next quarter of 2022. The Plan is reviewed each month.

It was noted that the item concerning the Award of Grounds Maintenance and Street Cleansing Contract had been deferred to the next meeting.

Resolved: To note and approve the Forward Plan

Agenda Item 5 (Minute No. 22) Treasury Management :Current Investments

Cabinet considered a comprehensive report updating Members on the current investments held by the Council as part of its treasury management activity, particularly in light of the recent Government intervention at Thurrock Council with whom one of the investments is held.

Resolved:

To note the contents of the report

Agenda Item 6 (Minute No. 23) – Council Tax Support Scheme 2023-2024

Cabinet considered a report seeking approval to undertake a public consultation in relation to changes to the Local Council Tax Support (LCTS) scheme for 2023-24 and give approval to adopt the consulted scheme, subject to formal ratification (post consultation) by Ordinary Council.

Resolved:

1. That Members note the proposed scheme and options information provided in sections 5 and 6, and detailed at Appendix A of the report
2. That Members note and approve (subject to consultation) the recommendations at para's 6.2, 6.3, and 6.4.
3. That Members note and approve the consultation arrangements detailed in section 7 and the consultation questions provided via the link at para 7.6

Agenda Item 7 (Minute No. 24) – Chelmsford Local Plan Review Issues and Options Consultation

Cabinet considered a report on the proposals set out in the Chelmsford Local Plan Review Issues and Options Consultation and were asked to consider and approve the proposed response.

Resolved:

To note the implications arising from the proposals in the Chelmsford City Local Plan Review Issues and Options Consultation, and agrees that these matters should be highlighted in the consultation response issued to Chelmsford City Council in respect of the consultation underway.

Agenda Item 8 (Minute No. 25) – Anglian Water Draft Drainage and Wastewater Management Plan Consultation

Cabinet considered a report updating Members on the consultation response issued in respect of the Anglian Water Draft Drainage and Wastewater Management Plan (DWMP).

In considering the response the Chairman proposed that a cross party Flood Resilience Forum be established for Castle Point which could be used to hold the Agencies to account and ensure effective representation to address flooding issues in the Borough.

Resolved:

1. To note the consultation response issued to Anglian Water in response to the consultation on the draft DWMP.
2. To appoint a cross-party Castle Point Flood Resilience Forum.

Agenda Item 9 (Minute No. 26) – Paddocks Community Centre – Urgent Repairs

Cabinet considered a report advising Members that urgent repairs were required to be undertaken at the Paddocks Community Centre and that a budget allocation was required to be made in order to commission those works.

In addition, the report asked Members to convene an urgent Task and Finish Group of members to consider other necessary works identified as required for the Paddocks

and to recommend an action plan to the Cabinet in order that a decision for the future sustainability of the Paddocks could be taken by a future meeting of the Cabinet.

Resolved:

1. To approve the release £31k from earmarked reserves to commission urgent repairs.
2. To set up an urgent Task and Finish Group membership to include the Leaders of the three Political Groups on the Council to consider other necessary works identified as required for the Paddocks and to recommend an action plan to the Cabinet in order that a decision for the sustainability of the Paddocks can be taken by a future meeting of the Cabinet

Agenda Item 10 (Minute No. 27) – Benfleet Football Club – Request to lease land at Woodside Park

Cabinet considered a report seeking approval to a request from Benfleet Football Club to lease an area of public open space at Woodside Park.

Resolved:

That the Council enters into a lease agreement with the Benfleet Football Club for the use of the pitches/adjacent land as shown in the Appendix on the terms set out in the report.

Agenda Item 11 (Minute No. 28) – The Levelling Up Parks Fund

Cabinet considered a report bringing to Cabinet's attention the Levelling Up Parks Fund which Government announced on 1 August 2022 and providing details of the funding which this Council is eligible. Cabinet was asked to determine which of the Council's parks and open spaces to improve using the Levelling Up Parks Fund.

Resolved:

To notes that the Council was eligible for £85,000 Levelling Up Parks Fund and endorses Thorney Bay playground and adjacent public open space as the site which the Council wishes to improve using this funding.

Agenda Item 12a (Minute No. 29) – Contract Matters Update on recent procurement exercise in relation to the construction of new housing developments

Cabinet considered a report providing an update on the three development projects currently underway at Cedar Road, Linden Way and Link Road. Cabinet was also advised of the increase in the development costs since the previous Cabinet approval in October 2020. The report addressed how this increase could be funded.

Cabinet was requested to authorise to award the contract to the successful contractor and agree the budget changes detailed in the report.

Resolved:

1. To approve the updated budget for the construction costs for the development of the nine homes at Cedar Road, Linden Way and Link Road, as set out in paragraph 5.5.3. of the report.
2. To approve the award of the contract for the construction of new homes.

Agenda Item 13 (Minute No. 30) – Christmas Office Arrangements

Cabinet considered a report informing Cabinet of the arrangements for the operation of the Council Offices during the Christmas and New Year period. It was proposed that the Council Offices would reopen for business on Friday 30th December 2022.

Cabinet was of the view that the offices should close for the full period between Christmas and New Year.

Resolved:

To note Cabinet's wishes that the Council offices should close for the full period between Christmas and New Year

Agenda Item 14 (Minute No. 31) - Matters to be referred from / to the Policy & Scrutiny Committees:

There were none.

Agenda Item 15 (Minute No. 32) - Matters to be referred from / to the Standing Committees:

There were none.

CONSULTATION

Agenda Item 6 Council Tax Support Scheme 2023-2024 sets out the consultation arrangements to inform the final scheme.

Angela Hutchings
Chief Executive